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Comfort for OCI Cardholders

According to a recent circular dated May 22, 2020, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has relaxed Visa and Travel restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19 for certain categories of Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) stranded abroad and wishing to return to India. Following are the categories of OCI cardholders stranded abroad are now eligible to return to India.

- # Minor children born to Indian nationals abroad and holding OCI cards
- # OCI cardholders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies, like death in the family
- # Couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national, and they have a permanent residence in India
- # University students who are OCI cardholders (but are not minors) and whose parents are Indian citizens living in India

The travel restrictions, imposed earlier by MHA on 07.05.2020 would not apply to any aircraft, ship, train or any other vehicle deployed for bringing back the above mentioned categories of OCI cardholders stranded abroad. All other terms and conditions will continue to remain in effect.

***Upcoming Events
& Festivals
August '20***



Air India Started Evacuation Flights

Air India has arranged evacuation flights from various cities of India to different international destinations worldwide. The flight schedules have been organized between 17th May and 3rd June'20. Please note that the flights are only meant for international connecting passengers departing and arriving on the Air India Evacuation flights. For more details and booking information please contact our reservation department or click the link below.

<http://lcc-travelsandrentals.com/business/en/evacuation-flights>

Janmashtami & Dahi

Handi: Maharashtra

Although the festival is celebrated throughout India on the birthday of Lord Krishna, the event takes a grand form in Maharashtra where it is also referred to as Gokulashtami, or Govinda. The highlight on the second day is the Dahi Handi event. Clay pots containing butter, curd, and money are strung up high from buildings and young people form a human pyramid to compete with other teams to reach the pots and break them open. The celebration date would be 11th August, however it may vary.

Independence Day

Celebration: New Delhi

The nation of India was declared independent on



Marriott announces offers

Marriott International has recently announced the launch of a limited time offer named - 'Save Now Stay Later', curated specially for their hotels across South Asia. As per the announcement, guests can avail complimentary offers while making their bookings till 30th June 2020. Whether booking for leisure or business, guests can avail their stays from now until 30th June 2021. In view of the current scenario, guests can also request for contact-less room check-in along with convenience of paying digitally.

15th August, 1947. Since then, people of India, celebrate this auspicious day in various forms of music, dance, performances and art in every city of the country. In New Delhi, it starts from early morning with cultural programs and a beautiful procession. The procession showcases the cultural diversity of Indian States and presents the strength of Indian Defense. This is an extremely interesting event to witness, as tourists from all around the world visit to experience such grandeur.

PASSENGER GUIDELINES FOR AIR TRAVEL IN INDIA

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Essential guidelines for your next air travel

Health Declaration You will declare your health status online and then your boarding pass will be issued 	Thermal screening You will undergo a temperature check at the airport 	Social Distancing At every point of entry / exit or on-board you must follow social distancing norms 
Wear & carry You need to wear mask & gloves and carry a sanitizer 	PNR tag You need to put it on your bags by yourself 	Passenger Kit You will receive a protective kit which you need to wear through your air travel 
Check-in Web check in before 48 hrs is must and reach airport 2 hrs before departure 	Baggage Only one check in bag and one soft cabin bag of less than 7kg allowed 	Limited services Food & beverages will not be served and neither you can carry, only water will be served 
ID & Boarding pass You must show id card and carry hard copy of your boarding pass 	Vulnerable Elderly and pregnant ladies are advised to avoid travel 	Instructions You must follow all communications made at airport and in flights 
Entry norms Before travelling, please check entry rules of individual state's website. Airlines may deny boarding if not followed 	Arogya setu app You have to certify yourself through this app and a self-declaration form 	

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REJUVENATE IN PONDICHERRY



Pondicherry is so much more than just a pretty town by the sea located on the south east coast of India. Story trails invites you to discover this little piece of France left behind in India. Seeped in culture and heritage, every corner of the city tells a story. As you walk through the clean, beautiful roads you will see the colonial French architecture and listen to incredible tales associated with it.

Moreover the popular part of the town is Rishi Aurobindo's Ashram, an establishment widely known for helping people to attain inner peace and spiritual knowledge. The ashram has been named after its creator Sri Aurobindo Ghosh, once a *Biplobi* (Rebel) of British times, later turned into a spiritual reformer to relocate himself in Pondicherry where he established one of the popular Ashrams of India.

As you visit the Paradise beach of Pondicherry, the tides and the cold sea breeze will wipe

out the exhaustion and rejuvenate your inner self urging you to spend a few more days in the town. Even though identified as a small town in India, Pondicherry is recognized as one of the sought after tourist spot in the nation.



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